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SUBJECT: MINSTATE FOR DEFENSE ON FMF AND GSD

Classified By: Classified by Ambassador Adam Ereli for reasons 1.4(b) and (d)

- 1.(C) Summary: Bahrain's Minister of State for Defense Affairs said Bahrain cannot afford the needed upgrades to its existing fleet of F-16s, a
- 2.(C) PM A/S Shapiro and ASD Vershbow met with Bahrain's Minister of State for Defense Affairs, Dr. Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, on
- 3.(C) BG Malalla asked if the USG would be able to transfer a second Perry-class frigate to Bahrain under the Excess Defense Articles (EDA) prc
- 4.(C) The MinState praised the USG's 'Friends of Yemen' diplomatic strategy. He asserted that social problems in Yemen contributed to the Houth
- 5.(C) The MinState welcomed A/S Shapiro's offer to resume the GSD in early 2010, with a focus on high-level, strategic discussions. Making refe
- 6.(U) Participants: U.S: PM Assistant Secretary Andrew Shapiro ASD Alexander Vershbow Ambassador Adam Ereli Major David Burke (notetaker for A/